



OUTGOING PRESIDENT—Bert Lamb (right), outgoing president of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, exchanges handshake with City Judge Otto B. Willett (left), while newly-elected president, Marvin Goettsch looks on. Judge Willett will install Goettsch and other members of the new cabinet in ceremonies slated for tomorrow night at the Western Avenue Golf Course clubhouse.

Jaycees Seat New Officers Friday Night

City Judge Otto B. Willett will serve as installing officer when Marvin Goettsch accepts the gavel of president from last year's Junior Chamber of Commerce senior officer, Bert Lamb, in installation ceremonies scheduled for tomorrow night at the Western Avenue Golf Course clubhouse.

The ceremony will be preceded by a dinner for all Jaycees and their wives. Dancing to the three-piece orchestra of Les Troncier will follow the installation.

Other new officers to be seated tomorrow include Jim Wood, first vice president; Dr. Arvol Smith, second vice president; J. O. Baldwin, secretary; George Post, treasurer; Warren Perry, state director; Dav Figueredo, sergeant-at-arms; and Dutch Horlander and Ed Karlow, board of directors.

Lamb is chairman of tomorrow's event. He is being assisted by his wife, Phyllis, who is a member of the Mrs. Jaycees, auxiliary of the Junior Chamber.

Watermelon Feed Set for Friday At McMaster Park

Everyone is invited to a big watermelon feed tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 p.m. in McMaster's Park, according to Jack Sandschultz, director of the recreation center.

There will be supervised games, including baseball and relay games for all the youngsters, Sandschultz announced.

All children are asked to bring ten cents to cover the cost of the watermelon, and there'll be plenty of it, he stated.

Gold Star Mothers Set Meet Tuesday

The Torrance Memorial Chapter of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting at 8 o'clock, Tuesday evening, July 15, in the American Legion Hall, Redondo Beach.

Mrs. William Erbe, of Gardena, will preside, and Mrs. Ruby Ashcraft of Redondo Beach and A. S. Evans of Torrance, will be hostesses, serving refreshments for the usual social hour which follows the business meeting.

A special invitation is extended at this time, to the mothers who have lost sons or daughters in the Korean conflict, according to Mrs. Jeannette S. King, press chairman for the group. While considerable hospital work is done by the chapter, mothers will also find a special comfort in the association with other mothers who have suffered similar losses. Mothers from Lomita, Waverly, Torrance, Redondo and Hermosa Beaches, and Gardena comprise this chapter, Mrs. King further stated.

Club Slates China Town Dinner-Tour

Members of the Torrance Business and Professional Women's Club will hold their dinner meeting on July 21 at 7:15 p.m. at the New Grand East Cafe, in Los Angeles' China Town.

There will be no planned program, club officials announced. The dinner will be followed by sight-seeing through China Town and Olvera Street for those who wish to go, it was announced.

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Director Sees Success in Community Theatre Plan

Dan D. Desmond, supervising director of the Torrance Community Theatre, is seeing his plans for a community theatre in Torrance come of age. Desmond, having assembled a group of actors and actresses and others interested in varied phases of theatre, has his first three act production well under way. It has long been his ambition to establish a community-type theatre in Torrance where people interested in stage work could come and develop their talents during the summer months and at the same time give the community outstanding Broadway stage play successes for very reasonable prices.

Desmond picked as his first "Broadway hit" play Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize winner, "Our Town". The play is to be presented in the Torrance High School Auditorium on August 1st and 2nd at 8:15 each evening.

"Our Town" will be produced centrally stage, which means the audience will sit on the stage in specially built risers and seats in a circle with the actors in the center. This technique has become very popular as a means of presenting theatre to audiences, and it makes for a very novel and intimate evening in the theatre. In central staging the audience and actor are very close together which makes an added challenge for the actor. Desmond has assembled an outstanding cast of professional, semi-professional and amateur performers and is assured of a production that will leave the community of Torrance looking forward to a bigger and more extended program next season.

Tickets have been set at a very low price to enable every one to partake in an evening of good entertainment. Tickets will sell for 50 cents per person. Desmond added, "Seating capacity is limited due to the type of presentation so it would be wise to get tickets reserved immediately."

It is Desmond's hope and desire that "Our Town" is just the beginning of a series of top quality plays that will be brought to Torrance each summer so that this community can get the best in stage entertainment at prices that everyone can afford. The profits from this first production will go to the National Theatrical Society Troupe No. 1133, made up of drama students at Torrance High School. These funds will help them get off to a good start in September in their own drama program.

Purpose of Co-operative Nursery School Told Here

There will be a meeting of the proposed Torrance Cooperative Nursery School next Tuesday evening, July 15th, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hattem, 820 Maple Street.

Nursery schools of this type where parents and preschool children learn together are not unique; there are between 40 and 50 such groups in Southern California alone, and in Seattle, San Francisco and Berkeley, as well as other parts of the country. Parent participating nursery schools are a function of the Department of Education or the Department of Social Welfare, according to Mrs. Hattem.

Parent Development "In this concept of preschool education, the mother serving one morning each week begins to understand her own child more clearly as she observes the group pattern of parent development; as she assists the paid preschool nursery school teacher, she learns new techniques in handling children both individually and in groups," said Mrs. Hattem.

"The child is given the opportunity to learn basic democratic process through guided, creative and free group play on equal terms with children of his own age; and with his mother being a part of the program it makes the adjustment from home to school gradual and painless," she further disclosed.

Father Participation The fathers, in cooperative spirit which makes this a family endeavor, participate in construction and maintenance of equipment and in parent-teacher discussion groups. It should be realized that these nonprofit parent participating co-operatives serve a different purpose than that served either by the private nursery schools or the public extended Day Care Nurseries.

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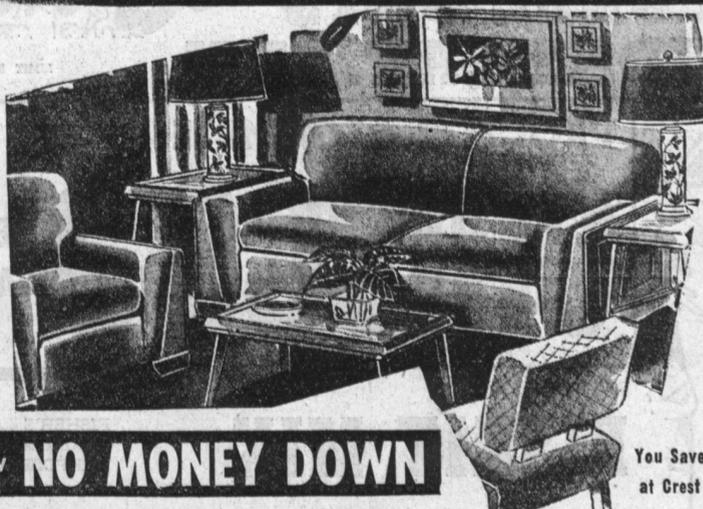
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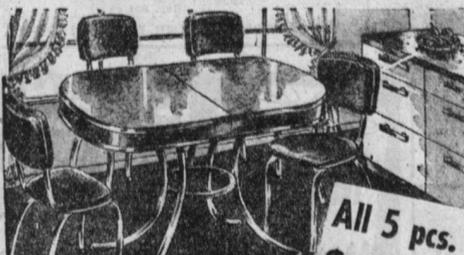
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